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Memorandum to: participants at the conference

Charting a New Course for U.S. Nuclear Policy

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As Randy Forsberg suggested, I think we should formulate specific goals, but I think we also need to discuss strategies for effectively achieving those goals. Complete nuclear disarmament, providing clean water for everyone in the world, health care and education for all, and phasing out nuclear power would mean a radical revolution in the United States. I think we need to realize that the current U.S. Government is a criminal regime and that even to pay its taxes is to be complicit in its crimes. I believe that we can bring about these goals in our lifetimes if we are willing to make the necessary sacrifices. Because the problems are complex and immense, I think we should proceed in stages. To begin the discussion I am making the following proposal:

OBJECTIVES:

1. Reduce nuclear weapons so that no nation has more than 100.
2. All national military forces must be withdrawn from nations outside their borders and be greatly reduced.
3. IAEA or UN inspections must ensure that #1 has been achieved, and then they should make sure that all remaining nuclear weapons are also eliminated. All nuclear materials must be monitored until nuclear power plants are phased out.
4. All disputes between nations shall be settled by a judicial process in an international court of justice.
5. Violators of international peace shall be arrested and brought to the International Criminal Court (ICC) in as nonviolent a way as possible.
6. We should make sure that everyone in the world has access to clean water, health care, and education.

STRATEGIES:

1. Boycott the U.S. Government by refusing to pay its income tax or cooperate with its crimes until the first three objectives are achieved.
2. Dedicate our lives to working for these goals full-time and by donating income above the taxable level to nonprofits. For some this may mean nonviolent civil disobedience and refusing to work in prison for an oppressive government. For others it may mean communicating with people and organizing nonviolent demonstrations.